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# The ADVOCATE

An award-winning newspaper published weekly for the Minnesota State University Moorhead community

## Online book buy buzzes

### Students log on to buy and sell used textbooks

By LEE MORRIS

Editor

With the help of a Web site, students can avoid waiting in line to sell back books.

On the site, current students can search for and post books they want to buy or sell. To use it, students log on to [www.mnstate.edu/stusen](http://www.mnstate.edu/stusen) and follow the link.

"(The site) is a pretty good idea," said senior Gennie Neuman.

"Just so you don't have to wait in line and cross your fingers, not knowing how much

money you're gonna get."

Called "Student to Student

#### Buying books online

Student to Student Book Buy

Go to [www.mnstate.edu/stusen](http://www.mnstate.edu/stusen) and follow the link

Students can search for books by subject, author or title. Students can also post books they want to sell.

cost as they see fit.

Users exchange information

and determine their own payment method, such as through an in-person meeting with cash.

Kim Samson, MSUM Bookstore manager, said though she does think the site a good option, students who use it take somewhat of a risk. The Bookstore only buys books back during finals week, Samson said.

"If they don't sell that back (on the site), they may have no recourse to sell it at all," she said.

Samson said the site makes more sense for students in the

fall, when they are looking at buying books.

Then again, when University of Mary senior Nathan Schmitz buys books from students, he said he probably gets it 50 to 60 percent cheaper than at the campus bookstore.

"Students are more or less just looking to get some of their money back, instead of trying to make a big profit," Schmitz said.

"Plus, if the students are selling the books, you know you actually need the books."

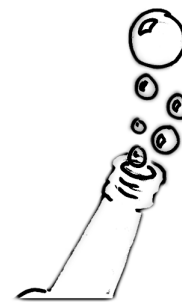
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## Moorhead Together quiets area drinking

### Panel says high-risk drinking still a problem

By ALYSSA SCHAFFER

Section editor

On March 6, Acting U.S. Surgeon General Kenneth Moritsugu made a call to action for Americans help stop America's 11 million underage drinkers from using alcohol.

"We can no longer ignore what alcohol is doing to our children," Moritsugu said.

In a town hall meeting held April 19 in Moorhead City Council Chambers, 11 panelists, including former North Dakota Gov. George Sinner and MSUM Assistant to the President Susanne Williams, discussed strategies to curb underage drinking in Cass and Clay Counties.

Williams is the director of the Moorhead Together Project, a community team representing Concordia College, MSUM, MSCTC Moorhead and the Moorhead Police Department that uses funding from the U.S. Department of Education to reduce high-risk drinking among Moorhead college students.

At the meeting, Moorhead Police Lt. Joel Scharf said underage drinking on and near local campuses has dropped dramatically in the year since Moorhead Together started working.

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ANN TIEGS / THE ADVOCATE

Ten-year-old Nico is the fifth iguana to take up residence in the biology department. Nico and his predecessors, Moses and Jack, were donated by community members.

## Nico finds new home in Hagen

By ANN TIEGS

Staff Writer

Students still glance at the empty glass case in King. It is habit. They know he is gone; the sign says so.

Nico, MSUM's green dragon, now resides in Hagen.

His rough, green body rests on a dead branch inside a glass case. Hind legs grasp the branch while his front legs, with long fingers and claws, hang on either side. Black stripes circle his long tail.

Only his eyes move. He watches, with bored indifference, as people pass by.

Nico, a common green iguana,

has lived at MSUM for six years. A flashy male, he sports a dewlap (chin-skin), which can be raised to make him appear larger than he is.

The dewlap serves double duty. It is used to intimidate predators or impress females. Fatty cheek pouches and two little fat pouches above his eyes are also secondary sexual characteristics.

Todd Nolte, MSUM college laboratory services specialist, said Nico is the fifth common green iguana to reside on MSUM's campus.

"There has been a tradition in the biology department to have iguanas," Nolte said. "The first two were obtained on purpose."

According to Nolte, the first two iguanas arrived in 1974 or '75 and were small ones. They didn't survive long.

The next one, named Moses, lived the longest. Jack arrived after Moses died and lived at MSUM for 12 years. Nico, who is now 10, came after Jack was gone.

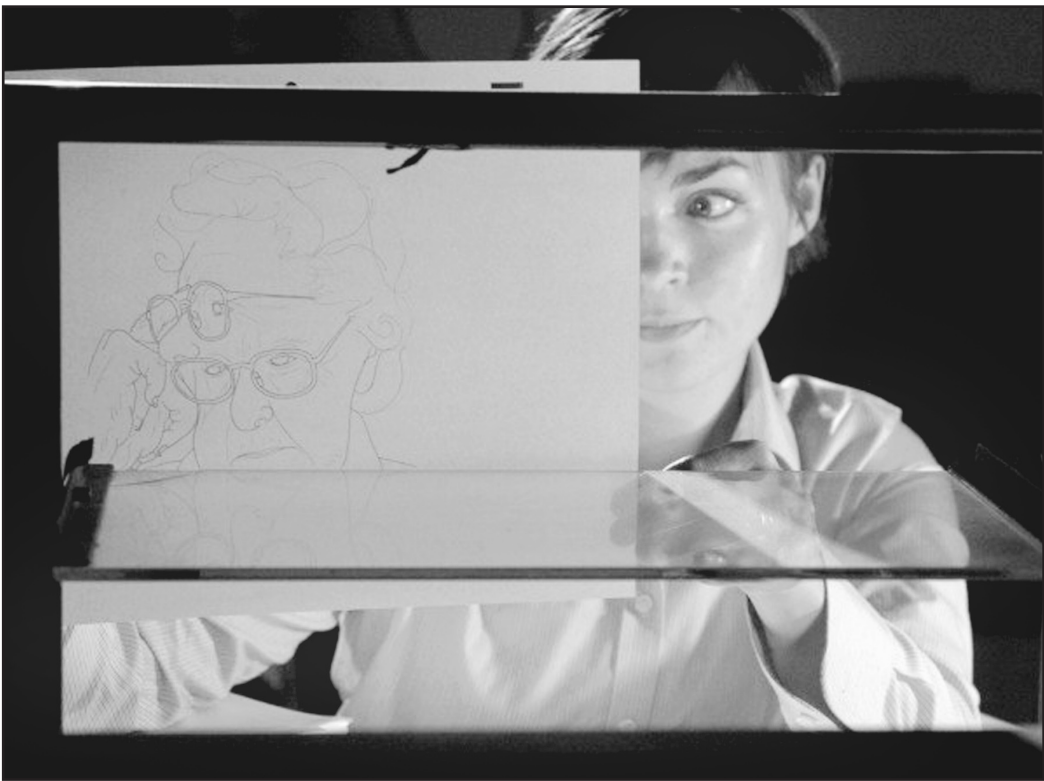
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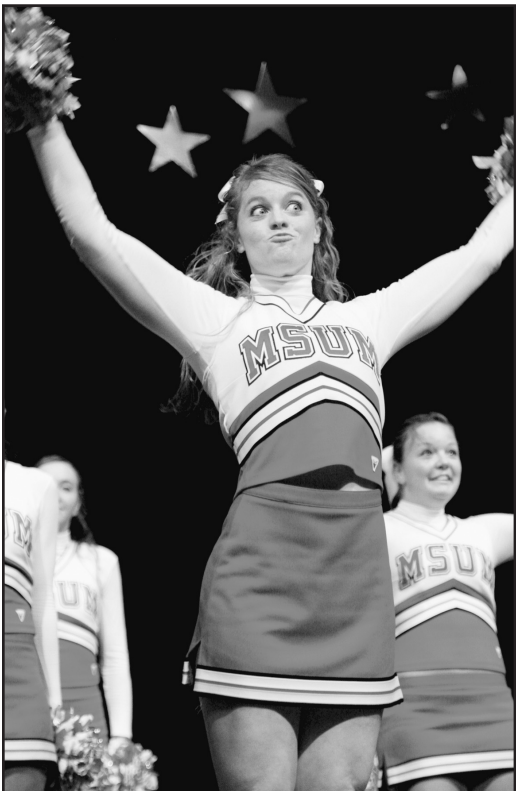
Along with rising tuition and recent violent events at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, the events of the 2006-07 year shaped the way MSUM students will remember it. Here are some of the top Advocate stories from this year:

- "Parking? That's no problem" Aug. 24
- "MSUM gets \$320,000 to fight liquor" Aug. 24
- "City to rework campus area" Oct. 5, Nov. 30, Jan. 11, Feb. 1, April 5
- "Web site to boost up image" Nov. 2
- "Sex carries common risk" Jan. 11
- "Guesswork: Is the Wellness Center making students pay?" Jan. 18
- "Memo seeks crimes" Feb. 15
- "MSUM scholarships can't compete" March 22
- "Christian explosion" April 5
- "Dragon Core alters education" April 19



ROBYN ROHDE / THE ADVOCATE

Kyja Kristjansson-Nelson, a film studies professor, examines artwork for a film project she created. For the project, she won a fellowship to live in Iceland last year. She is also a finalist for a \$50,000 Bush Artist fellowship.



LIZZIE CHINANDER / THE ADVOCATE

MSUM cheerleader Britta Trenbeath whipped out the pompoms for Homecoming in September. Also bringing fun events to campus was DragonFrost in February.



JON LAMBERT / THE ADVOCATE

Campus Crusade for Christ traveled to Crystal Springs, N.D., in October for a retreat. Christian groups on campus saw a swell in numbers this year, benefitting from a turn to religion by society as a whole.



HEATHER GRUENHAGEN / ADVOCATE PHOTO EDITOR

The MSUM theater department's production of "Cats" in February combined wild dance numbers with Andrew Lloyd Webber's infamous lyrics, for one of the best shows in years.



JON LAMBERT / THE ADVOCATE

Dragons senior wide receiver Anthony Holloway sulks after a September loss this year. Though the season wasn't perfect, Dragon football finished 6-5, for its first winning season since 1992.



Security Report

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4.18

Possible drug offenses in East Snarr  
Safety concern in Owens  
Safety concern in Lommen  
Fire alarm in South Snarr

4.19

Minor in consumption in West Snarr  
Trespassing in Library  
Vandalism in Bridges  
911 call on campus  
Door unlocked in Lommen

4.20

Found item in Cafe  
Connections  
Safety concern in Ballard  
Trespassing in Nelson  
911 call in Bridges  
Room access in Hagen  
Theft in CMU

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Room access in Center for Arts  
Room access in Flora Frick  
Building access in Maclean  
Room access in Hagen  
Alcohol offenses on campus

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Alcohol offenses in East Snarr

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Motor vehicle accident in Lot A  
911 hang up in Frick  
Vehicle damage on 6th Ave.  
Computer misuse in Center for Arts

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Building access in Center for the Arts

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"I'm on anti-depressants."  
"That's not funny."

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**Go to the GLBT panel in the CMU**  
MSUM, along with the Minnkota Center, have put together a panel of GLBT individuals in the Fargo-Moorhead area. These individuals will help put a face on the issues the GLBT community faces in our area.  
The panel discussion will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. today in CMU 101.

**MEISA Finals Week Show coming up**  
MEISA is putting together a show at 7:30 p.m. May 1 at the All-Star Bowl in Moorhead. Admission is \$5.  
The bill for the show features a diverse array of local artists including Undying Solace, The Ironics, War On Earth, Jim Vilandre, Haley E. Rydell and Jarafuho.

**Earth Week Music Festival rocks today**  
Enjoy music performed by student musicians in an outdoor atmoshpere from 2 to 8 p.m. on the campus mall today.  
Vendors, display booths, food and other activities will be available.

**Doris Hertsgaard Scholarships**  
Applications for The Doris Herstgaard Scholarship are now available in the Office of Scholarship and Financial Aid, Owens 107A.  
The Doris Hertsgaard Scholarship through the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation was established to recognize young women from three local campuses who are studying in the field of mathematics. The criteria includes: Female student currently enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate degree student at either Concordia, MSUM or NDSU; majoring in an area with a mathematics component.

**Philosophy for All is now open**  
Philosophy for All Fargo-Moorhead is open to everyone interested in philosophy. Its aim is to approach philosophical problems in a non-technical way to enable everyone to participate in discussion and debate. It aims to combine serious philosophical activity with an informal exchange of ideas and views.  
Driven by a desire to spark philosophical discussions in a non-academic setting, Mark Chekola, now an emeriti professor of philosophy, began Philosophy for All Fargo-Moorhead in 2004.  
The group meets at a room at the Plains Art Museum once a month, typically the third Thursday, from 7 to 9 p.m. Average attendance is 35 people. For more information, contact Chekola at [chekola@mnstate.edu](mailto:chekola@mnstate.edu).

CARY KNUDSON / THE ADVOCATE

Senior Yohan Rozaim teaches junior Cari Van Overbeke how to play cricket April 19 on the mall.

**Math scholarship winners announced**  
Each year the faculty of the MSUM Mathematics department selects senior majors to be recognized for their outstanding achievements in mathematics.  
This year's winners were: Arick Follingstad, who will receive membership in The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics; Alicia Stevenson, who will receive membership in The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics; and Jessica Trautwein, who will also receive membership in The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Receiving the annual James T. Wallen Scholarships were Rosie Pfenning and Jill Rivinius.  
Jayne Linstad was selected to receive Bill Ritchie Award for Excellence in Mathematics based on her distinguished GPA and the contributions she's made to the department. Congratulations to all the winners.

**Sign a banner for Virginia Tech**  
The Peer Advisors invite you to stop by the table in Flora Frick (by Cafe Connection) to sign the banner for Virginia Tech.  
Stop by to add your message today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Area students become firefighters**  
Forty students including 14 MSUM, 13 Concordia and seven NDSU students, five people from the community completed the federal S130/190 firefighting training.  
This was the first time the course was offered through MSUM and it was free for all participants through help from North Dakota Forest Service.

**Business students get scholarships**  
Thirty-four MSUM students will be awarded \$28,300 in scholarships at the annual School of Business Banquet today.  
The School of Business includes programs in accounting, business administration, finance, marketing, management and international business.

Students receiving scholarships are: Lindsey Goetsch, Justine Kupfer, Tawnya Follingstad, Amy McVay, Lindsey Swenson, Travis Hughes, Jennie Mendro, Cory Reames, Daniel Reed, Allison Swenson, Naomi Takami, Amy Meindl, Linsey Meidinger, Heidi Aaberg, Yuriko Mogi, Craig Koep, Jonathan Miller, Brittany Spitzer, Shawn Stumphf, Stacy Frie, Angela Stevens, Megan Johnson, Jennifer Maas, Eric Titze, Elizabeth Barchenger, Kazuhiko Uematsu, Jason Hendrickson, Daniel LeClair, Craig Powers, Julie Jacobson, Vicki Larson, Nicholas Peterson, Kadie Engquist and Gail Korth.  
Congratulations to all the recipients.

**Teaching award winners named**  
In launching the Excellence in Teaching Awards, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees on Wednesday honored three faculty members from Rochester Community and Technical College, Century College in White Bear Lake and Rainy River Community College in International Falls.  
Donald E. Graves of Rainy River Community College, Michelle M. Neaton of Century College in White Bear Lake and Julie A. Rodakowski of Rochester Community and Technical College each received the award.

**MSUM promotes motorcycle safety**  
MSUM will host safety training this spring for area beginning or experienced motorcycle riders. These classes are open to the public and do not require prior MSUM student registration.  
Classes begin for the basic riders the weekend of April 27 to 29 and run through July 27 to 29 at MSUM. Successful completion of this 14.5-hour course satisfies all requirements to receive a motorcycle license. The cost is \$160.

Classes run from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Fridays and either 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.  
A five-hour experienced rider class will be May 12 in Fergus Falls or June 30 in Moorhead. This class, which meets from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., is for those who already have their motorcycle license and are proficient riders. The cost is \$55.  
To register or for more information, visit the MSUM continuing education Web site at [www.mnstate.edu/continue](http://www.mnstate.edu/continue), or call 477-5862.

**Apply for a heart scholarship**  
Applications are available in the Office of Scholarship and Financial Aid, Owens 107A. The Heart Health Scholarship is through the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation. The areas of study could include, but are not limited to: nutrition, dietetics, exercise physiology, health, health education, physical education and fitness.  
Students attending Concordia, MSUM or NDSU are eligible to apply.  
This scholarship will be awarded for the 2000-08 academic year to students who are currently in their junior or senior year. Application is due on or before June 1. Award(s) may range from \$300 to \$900.



## Student group advocates parking office

By MARIA CAMARGO

Staff Writer

For a social work class project, a group of students wanted to learn more about the parking issues that were on campus.

"To begin with, we thought people were lacking in knowledge about parking on campus," said Erin Heer, one of the students in the group.

Along with Heer, Nikkie Christman, Melanie King, Sarah Barton and Rachel Erickson targeted freshmen and sophomore 100-level classes for their research.

They wanted to see if students knew about where they can park, to whom they can talk to about parking and where to go about fees.

But as the research progressed, they found out a lot more about parking than they anticipated.

### 'Advocating the parking office'

"We had no intentions for advocating the parking office, but we found out that they are their own entity; they stay afloat by issuing fines," Christman said.

By contacting the parking office on campus, they found money raised by meters, parking passes and tickets cover all expenses.

Whatever the parking office has at the end of the year gets rolled over to the next year's budget. They also help cover the wages of six student workers.

"It was very interesting to see that they are on their own with no help from any organization on campus," Heer said.

### DRINKING, FROM FRONT

Scharf schedules and coordinates special patrols of officers who work to better enforce underage consumption laws.

If students are caught underage drinking, officers forward a report of the violation to the student's college, which will sanction the student according to its policies.

Williams said high-risk alcohol consumption for than it has been in past years. drinkers older than 21 is directly related to the cost of alcohol, pointing to free and discount alcohol promotions as major contributors.

Another troubling issue, she said, is the increasing tendency of women to binge drink. "What's concerning is that we're seeing women drinking at the same rate as their male counterparts," she said.

According to the Annual Review of Public Health:

•Nationally, an estimated 1,700 college students between 18 and 24 die each year from

### Instead of walking

The group also interviewed parking guards for their research. The guards said a guard patrols each parking lot about every five minutes each day.

When the group asked about limiting parking spaces, the guards said there is room in parking lots—such as the K-Lot—but since it is about five minutes farther, it proves to be inconvenient for people.

"There is, in fact, parking on campus, but people don't want to park in K-Lot because it is farther, so then they do have to walk five minutes more," Christman said.

"Instead, people just drive around on the city streets looking for parking, or wait for people to back out. While they finished doing that and parked, they could be almost to class by then."

### Consulting the issue

When the group asked about hiring a professional parking consultant to help with parking problems, the parking office said that they have hired consultants to come in and to come up with plans for re-zoning parking spots and the possibilities of building a parking ramp. The group asked Melanie King from the parking office about the costs of building a new parking lot, and she mentioned to the group that not only do you count in the costs of a new parking lot, but the preparation and planning that goes into it.

There is an additional fund called the new lot construction fund that helps pay for the

services.

"Even if the school where to build a new parking ramp, it would only add 40 more spaces," Heer said. "Which is completely inefficient."

### The group's solutions

The group also found some solutions that could solve the parking problems.

In some schools, if people walk or bike to campus, they get a reduction in tuition. The

parking office has also paid Metro Area Transit transportation half the costs for the free rides while the President's Office covered the other half.

Also, by ticketing bikes that don't lock their bike on a bike racks, the parking office can raise more money to buy more bike racks to use instead of trees.

"Now we totally understand the parking office and why they do the things they

do," Heer said. "It is not that they are out to get us. They are trying to cover their fees and make things more accessible to students."

With this information, the group will continue their research, but with a whole different aspect to how the parking office works on campus.

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alcohol-related unintentional injuries, including motor vehicle crashes.

•Approximately 600,000 college students are unintentionally injured while under the influence of alcohol each year.


"It is very, very scary when we see the numbers," Sinner said. "We've got a hell of a problem here."

Although national high-risk drinking statistics are startling, Williams is quick to point out the progress Moorhead

Together has made locally in the past year.

"Anecdotal, neighbors feel that it's much quieter than it has been in past years," Williams said. "We're excited about the progress we've made."

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# FEATURES

## MSUM alumna releases debut novel

### Kristen Tsetsi's 'Homefront' is a different kind of war story

By **BEN SAILER**  
Features Editor

Former MSUM student and now-published author Kristen Tsetsi recently released her first novel. Titled "Homefront: A Novel," the book tells the fictional account of a woman named Mia and her struggles back home when her significant other, Jake, is deployed to Iraq.

"It's about the confusing and traumatic experience of sending someone you love to war," Tsetsi said.

"But it's also about the uncomfortable politics of this particular war, the damaging effects of a sensationalist media, the formation of unlikely friendships in times of desperation, various truths we don't like to talk about and the secrets in relationships that are forced to the surface when tested by something as potentially damaging as a deployment."

While there is no shortage of books covering the war in Iraq on the shelves, Tsetsi feels her story is unique in that it is told from the perspective of a civilian rather than a soldier.

When publishers told Tsetsi the market for such a book was saturated, she paid them no mind and did it herself.

"Because I'd seen the shelves and shelves of books told from the soldier's point of view, and then the little teeny section for the homefront side of the war, I knew the particular market I was targeting was hardly saturated," Tsetsi said.

"So, confident about the story and the market, I said 'pooh' to the big agents and publishers and used a print-on-demand distributor."

The lack of stories about civilians during wartime was a strong motivational factor for Tsetsi to write "Homefront."

When asked what had inspired her to pen such a novel, she replied: "I couldn't not. What's out there right now are collections of anecdotes that tell you very little. Reading a paragraph about a woman's experience with the logistics of getting to the hangar for a homecoming, for example, doesn't put you inside the woman's head as she's waiting, or even as she's driving to the hangar."

She also explained how she drew some of her influence from the war novel "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien.

"I feel like I learned more about what it might be like from that book than I would from a 200-page collection of first-person accounts," Tsetsi

said. She further explained it is important not to merely tell people how a character feels, but to "put the reader inside the head of the person going through it so they can experience it for themselves."

Tsetsi said, "I also wrote it so those not closely connected to the war or the military would be reminded that these soldiers, these lovers and friends and family, are people, not 'soldiers,' and not faceless yellow-ribbon wearers. I want those who have been through it (Iraq) to read 'Homefront' and be assured they aren't crazy for feeling the many ways they feel, and I want those distant from the war to truly understand the fear of not having that reunion, of not seeing that smile one more time or feeling that hand again."

When she was younger, Tsetsi's family moved from time to time as a result of her father's job as a contractor for the military, graduating from a Department Of Defense high school in Heidelberg, Germany. However, she said it isn't something that's influenced her like most might assume.

"I just realized the other day that even after living in Germany for thirteen years, I've only included Europe, Germany, specifically, in two stories," Tsetsi said. "I suppose I could still say yes, though, that going to school there did influence me, because I had two English teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, who were the first to, in their very different ways, encourage me to

**“I can't say adamantly enough that my time spent at MSUM was invaluable.**

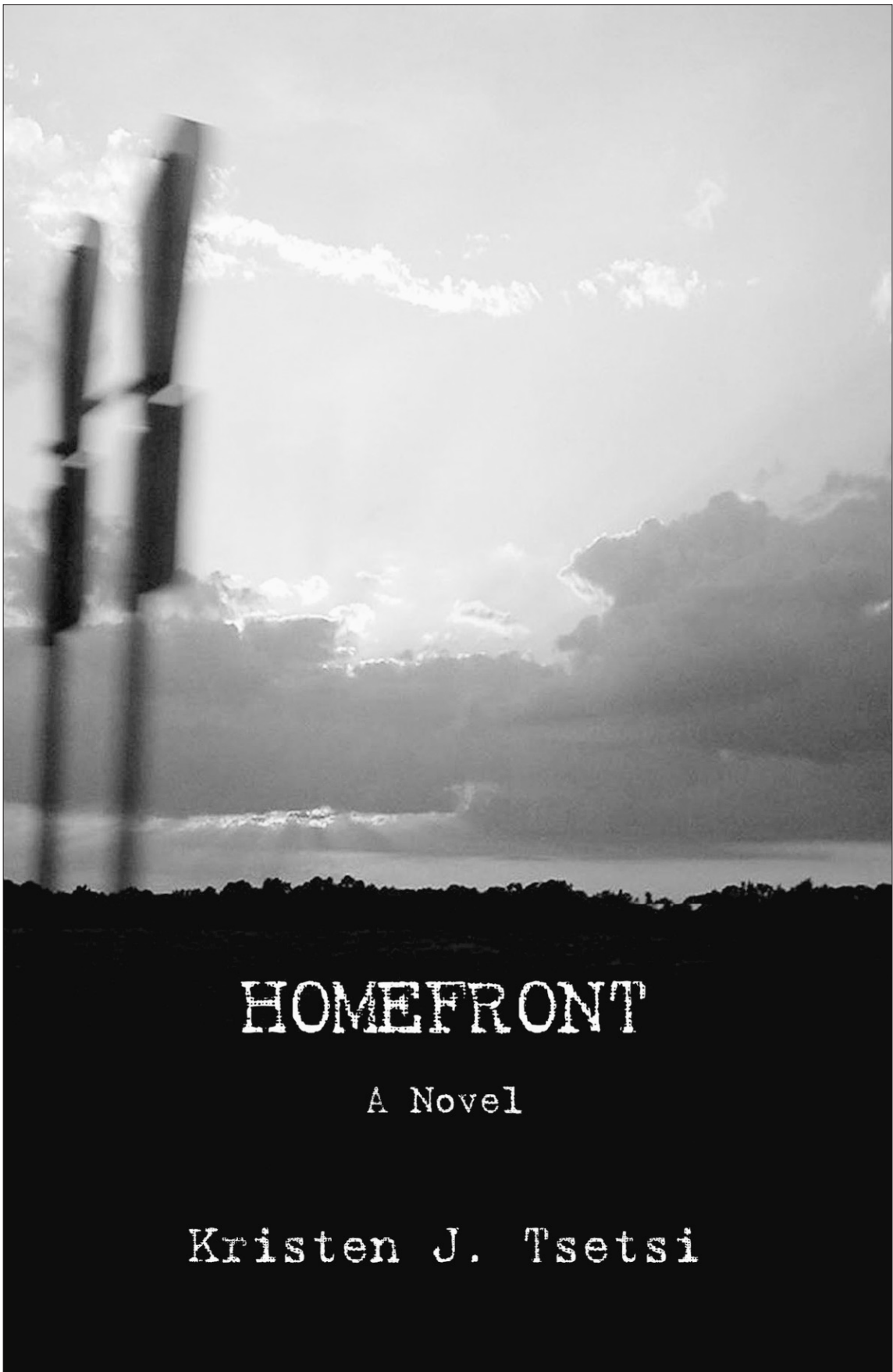
**Kristen Tsetsi**  
Former MSUM student and author of "Homefront"

write." The media has yet to give much attention to "Homefront," but early reader response

has been glowing. Currently, the book is only available for online ordering, but it's being carried by some big names such as barnesandnoble.com, borders.com and amazon.com. Tsetsi said she is hoping the book will do well enough to make into walk-in bookstores sometime, but getting a book onto the shelves is both challenging and expensive.

"It's difficult when you don't have the money for the things required by stores, understandably hoping to make a profit," Tsetsi said. One store told her the book hadn't yet received enough "blurbs" from other, more established writers, nor did it have enough reviews from any professional book critics.

"So, it's going to have to be successful on its own merits. And that's actually fine, for now. I've absolutely loved



SUBMITTED PHOTO

**Tsetsi's book, "Homefront," tells the story of the war in Iraq not from the perspective not of a soldier, but from those who have been left behind, separating it from the majority of other books written on the subject. Reader response so far has been positive, and it has a five-star rating on Amazon.com.**

having complete creative control over the whole thing, cover included. The book is my baby," Tsetsi said.

While she'd like to be making a living off of her writing, Tsetsi said she isn't quite at that level yet. Her husband, Ian, is currently supporting them both so she can pursue her writing goals.

Tsetsi graduated from MSUM in 2000 with a B.A. degree, and again in 2003 with her MFA. She majored in English and creative writing, and said her education at MSUM helped her writing immensely.

"I can't say adamantly enough that my time spent at MSUM was invaluable," Tsetsi said. "The MFA workshop instructors are all so talented and patient and offer such concise and constructive

criticism that, if you really pay attention and use what they tell you, you can't not come out of those workshops a better writer."

For MSUM students aspiring to publish books of their own someday, Tsetsi stressed there is a lot of work involved even after the actual writing is done, from writing query letters to publishers, to finding an agent who's interested in your work. Don't be surprised to get lots of rejection letters from publishers before one bites.

"I queried more agents than I want to mention," Tsetsi said. "I just think aspiring book-writers should be aware that writing the last page of their novel doesn't mean, by a long shot, that the work is done."

For more information "Homefront," Tsetsi and her work, visit [www.kristentsetsi.com](http://www.kristentsetsi.com).

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# Women beware: Alcohol more harmful for you than for men

At a meeting on alcohol last week, MSUM Assistant to the President Susanne Williams pointed out a disturbing trend among college women.

They're binge drinking more than in the past, in part to keep up with their male counterparts. Unfortunately, for women, alcohol's effects take a much more devastating toll on their bodies and minds than on men's.

Alcohol damages women's brains and organs more, and they suffer from alcoholism sooner, than their male counterparts. Alcohol affects women's higher-level abilities and cognitive skills more than men's. Women suffer greater liver, heart and other cardiovascular problems than do men.

And unfortunately, some guys are too much of, for the lack of a better word, guys, for women's well-being. Men pressure women into drinking for their own self-pleasure, perhaps in hopes of getting them too sloshed to say no.

So, ladies, be extra careful when you go out. Know that drinking does not affect you in the same way it affects your boyfriends.

At the alcohol meeting, former North Dakota Gov. George Sinner said the drinking age should be lowered to age 18. He said if this were the case, people would be more accustomed to drinking, perhaps making it less of a problem in society.

Williams responded quickly to his comments, however, saying that the human brain is not fully developed until age 25—and drinking too soon will stop the brain from developing to its proper extent.

The social norms campaign MSUM has been conducting this year, to rally against people drinking, is one of the most interesting things this school has ever done. So far, it seems to be having some effects. But people are still drinking.

Nothing MSUM or any one organization does will stop drinking. The problems associated with drinking are so embedded in larger societal problems that this country, and this campus, will probably always have problems when it comes to alcohol.

Alcohol, in itself, is not that bad. But people abuse it, and that's where the problems that come with it are born. Alcohol abuse is the foremost issue that must be tackled.

And America, the mosh-posh mix of cultures and religions, of backgrounds more various than anywhere else in the world, does not always help itself by applying a zero-tolerance policy.



# Journalism a tough job

## Some students, 'puffed-up professors' lack sense

As stressful as it can be working at a student newspaper, it's a lot of fun.

For those who don't realize it, students write, photograph for and design this paper every week.

We also decide what stories we want to cover. We more or less decide what people who read this paper will be reading about. We have freedom, and we like it.

There are, however, downsides.

Some students find this paper bland and boring. Others maybe think it sucks.

That people read newspapers less now than in the past, especially amongst younger generations, does not help the contentedness of readers.

But take it from me: It's a lot harder than it looks.

Journalism does not know set hours. One short, 500-word article can take scads of time. And we don't, at MSUM, always get to cover exciting topics.

Worst of all, journalism is downright draining—on our time, relationships and sanity. We're trying to run this paper while we take classes and deal with the pressures of college.

Well, kids, all I have to say is when I started reading this paper as a sophomore, I wasn't blown away.

Luckily, at The Advocate, you can put your money where your mouth is. Any student can come to meetings to try to make a difference.

That's what I did, and if you



Lee Morris  
*Obsolete Editor*

think this paper sucks, you can, too. (Wink.)

Some faculty members do not read this paper, and look at it with disdain—if they look at all.

This is all I can say to these puffed-up professors: Get over yourselves, you elitist bozos.

Just this week I spoke with a professor who told his colleagues to read a department-related article in The Advo.

To create a caricature of their response, they stuck up their noses and powdered their cheeks. (They're too good for us, I guess.)

This typical response lacks sense. Professors, more than anyone, should support students in their endeavors; this is academia, right?

All the same, many people on campus do pay attention to the paper, and we appreciate it.

The Advocate is not only a newspaper, but a learning experience for us. From the paper, I say thanks to those of you who read every week.

From me, I thank the following people.

My family: Thanks for reading my articles ... sometimes. And thanks for food, laundry, financial support, etc. I love you.

Glenn: Thanks for never being in the way but always being there. There is no one else I would ever want to be adviser of this paper. Good luck

in nursing.

Camilla: You are one of the most phenomenal people I will ever meet. I hope someday I will have had enough experiences, near and far, to be as intelligent and wise as you.

Dr. Barden: Thanks for treating me and this paper with respect this entire year, as I'm sure you do every year. You are a good guy.

Dr. Dille: If there is nothing I would take back about this year, it would be talking to you the times I did. You are smart, interesting and brilliant. I wish you were my grandpa.

Ken Bennett: Thanks for the e-mails telling me my articles restore your "faith in student journalism."

Terry Shoptaugh and Korella Selzler: In my opinion, Terry, you're the smartest guy at this university. Thanks for the talks, and both of you, for your help this year whenever I needed to look up information.

I'm off to fade into obscurity. But this paper, it can be hoped, will still be around for a very long time.

Happy reading.

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## Voting process leaves some unrepresented

Since 1967, federal law requires states to use single-member districts with plurality voting to elect their house representatives.

Hence, if in our District 7, the results were as follows: Jack (R) 35 percent, Jane (D) 30 percent, Susan (I) 20 percent and William (L) 15 percent, Jack would be declared the winner.

Many citizens do not actually vote for their representative and would prefer to talk with someone else.

In our hypothetical, 65 percent of voters ended up without representation. Given the frequency in which even voting for a major party candidate

**Edward T.J. Brown**  
*Columnist*



results in a wasted vote, it is little surprise that voter turnout is often embarrassingly low.

Congressional elections often are not competitive races. State legislators have been known to create districts that are generally "safe" for a Democratic or Republican candidate.

Independent and minor party candidates find it difficult to be included on the elec-

tion ballot, and even if they manage that harsh hurdle, they cannot offer voters a meaningful choice when a winner is chosen by plurality in gerrymandering districts.

A much better way for all Americans to conduct Congressional house elections would be proportional representation.

Proportional representation would create fewer, but larger Congressional districts with a state and multiple House members to be elected per

district. Congressional seats would be awarded based on the proportion of votes cast.

The most common form of proportional representation is called party list voting. This is where each political party nominates a slate of candidates, and if your political party gets 30 percent of the votes, then it would get 30 percent of the seats, and so on.

Other forms include cumulative and choice voting.

Congress should allow states entitled to multiple house members to elect them using proportional representation.

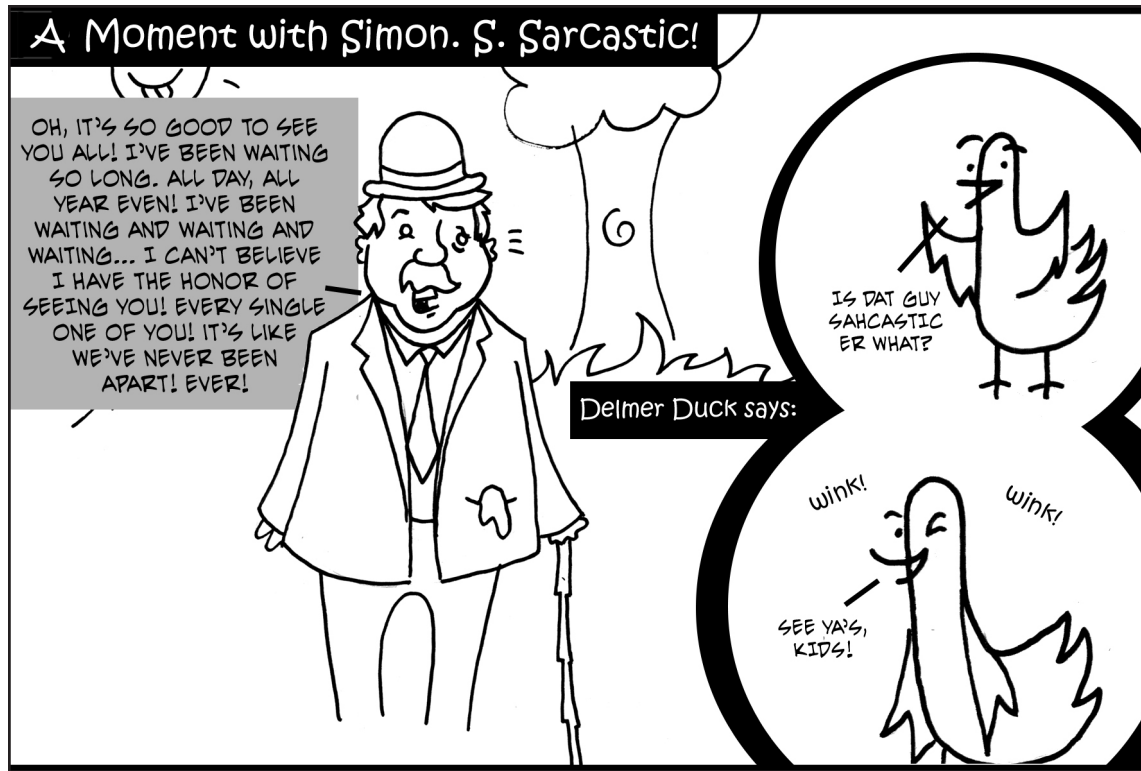
It better reflects the range of citizens' political beliefs, and

would help keep elections competitive, not to mention it would ensure citizens select legislators, and not the other way around.

More proportional representation is successfully used in many stable industrial representative democracies and has a history of being used in several American municipal elections as well.

More information on proportional representation, including pending legislation, can be found by visiting Fair Vote at [www.fairvote.org](http://www.fairvote.org).

**What system would you vote for?**  
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Staying Iraq's course unjust

When looking at our current situation in the Iraq, it is disturbing to see Congress fighting over pulling out our troops sometime in 2008. Democrats are trying to cut funding to tie Republicans

hands while President Bush is trying to "stay the course."

Why would we ever put a timetable on a war? Maybe because we aren't fighting a just war.

In a just war we must employ the principle of proportion of means to a legitimate end, of each limited end and of the overall end. This calculation

of proportionality must be made before the war, stating the good and evil created as well as periodically throughout the war. We must also look at our ability and likelihood of success daily.

"Staying the course" seems to signify not caring about these periodic updates. We should be able to pull out of Iraq tomorrow if deemed appropriate, not next year. The realistic estimate of the probability of success diminishes daily, not yearly.

Imagine for a moment a coach who watched his pitch-

er give up 10 earned runs in one inning or his goalie let in 10 goals in one period. If his explanation to the GM was that he was "staying the course" or he didn't want to "embolden" the other team, he would be under extreme scrutiny.

Staying in a war with low likelihood of success is unjust. We must swallow our pride before more troops are killed. After all, pride may be the deadliest sin of all.

**Justin Storey, Steve Burket, Mike Williams, Brady Baxter and Jackie Saltee**  
MSUM Seniors



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## The right things

### When looking back at college, remember what matters most

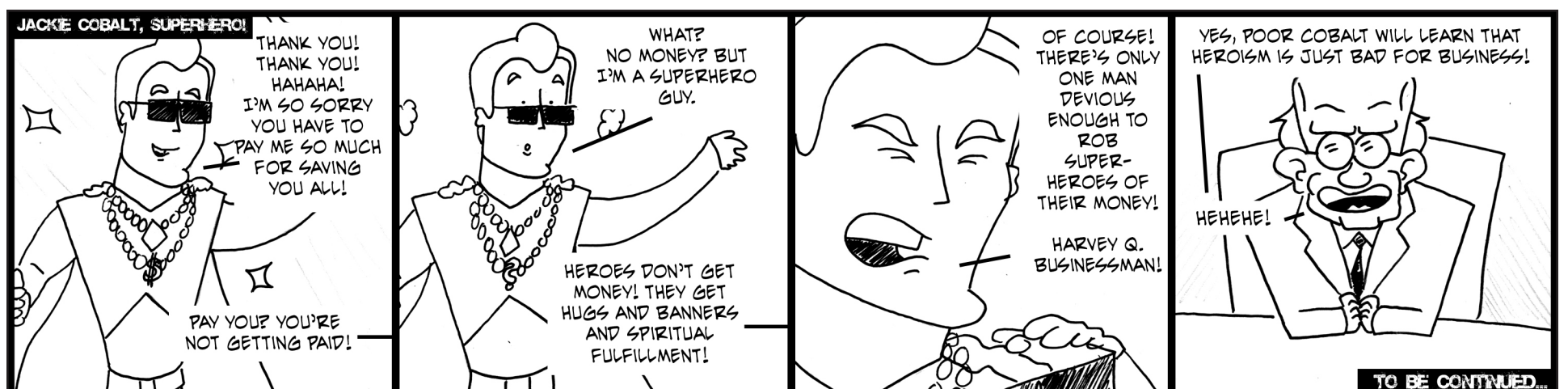
Now this semester is beginning to wind down to an end, I've been looking back upon everything I've written in this space throughout the last year, and I decided I'd try writing about something a little less angry and a little more cheerful than usual.

This past weekend my grandparents drove out from Wisconsin to visit for the weekend. I don't see my relatives often enough since they're so scattered across the country, and the globe even, so it was certainly nice to see them. It was kind of bittersweet, though, because they're getting on in their years, their health isn't quite what it used to be and their spur-of-the-moment decision to drive out to Fargo seemed like a, "This might be the last chance we get to see you," kind of visit.

What am I even rambling about here? I don't know, and I doubt anyone cares. Someone else flaked out on a column this week, so I'm just filling space the best I can, and I basically lied about trying to write anything cheerful this week. But the time I spent with my grandparents this weekend reminded me of how important it is to take time out of our busy schedules to pay attention to the things we often take for granted. Every day life is stressful and the world around us is going to hell more and more each day, but that only makes it that much more important for us to hold on as tightly as we can to the things that really have meaning to us, that really are beautiful and make life worth living, like our friends and family, before they're gone forever.

Don't ever let go of the people and things you care about. When everything is said and done, what are you going to look back on more fondly: The time you spent with the ones you love, or that really boring paper you had to write?

**What's going on in your life?**  
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# So long! Farewell! Goodbye!

## English department says goodbye to two legendary professors

By KELLIE MEEHLHAUSE

A&E Editor

When English professors Gary Litt and Mark Vinz began teaching at MSUM in 1969 and 1968 respectively, neither of them expected to remain on the campus for more than a few years. Yet, almost 40 years later on May 11, both of them will officially retire from exactly where they started.

### Matter of Necessity

When Vinz began 39 years ago, the English department was in MacLean, where his office was the same number as it is now in Weld 202.

He says he chose MSUM because he wanted to come back to Minnesota after graduate school. The college also gave him the best offer and allowed him to teach the

### VINZ'S FINAL READING

**When:** 7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday) in King Hall Auditorium.

**Charge:** Free and open to the public. "North of North" will be on sale with proceeds going towards a scholarship in Vinz's name.

### LITT'S RETIREMENT PARTY

**When:** 5:30 p.m. May 4 at the Green Market in Fargo.

**Charge:** \$15 cover charge, which covers food

courses he wanted.

He stayed for a different reason: the Vietnam War. After the war ended and soldiers came home, the job market plummeted, leaving few jobs available to teachers.

"It was a matter of necessity then. If you had a job, you kept it. Besides, I liked it here," Vinz said.

For 30 years, Vinz has been faculty advisor to the campus literary magazine, now called "Red Weather"; for 10 years he edited the poetry journal "Dacotah Territory," a pioneering move that gave voice to hundreds of regional writers, including Louise Erdrich and Carolyn Forché (he still publishes a chapbook series of new poetry under The Dacotah Territory Press imprint); and for two decades he's co-directed MSUM's Tom McGrath Visiting Writers Series, exposing students to authors such as Carol Bly and Tim O'Brien.

He also helped develop and was the first director of the university's MFA program in creative writing.

"The MFA program is the biggest change I've seen. The English department has since hired more writers and established a writing emphasis because of it," Vinz said.

### Better Than This?

For Litt, MSUM was the only job offer he received while his classmates went to more prestigious places. He had taught during graduate school, but this was his first "real" job.

"A professor told me that I could do better than MSUM, but I've kept my job while others lost theirs due to downsizing. This is a good place to teach," Litt said.

During his 38-year run, Litt has taught over 100 different courses, most notably mythology, Tolkien, science fiction and the Bible. His most memorable class, he says, was a science fiction and film course that contained 160 students.

"Students have changed a lot over the years. Some have changed positively, other negatively. They're more casual now about their education,



but there's always a core of really good ones," Litt said.

that were recommended by students.

### Learning, Teaching

Both Litt and Vinz hope that they'll leave behind a legacy of good teaching and leadership.

Vinz quoted from author Kurt Vonnegut to describe how he hopes MSUM will remember him: "'Goddamnit, you've got to be kind.' I hope I was kind."

In addition to teaching, Vinz and Litt both claim to have learned even more from their students.

"Students teach me by asking questions I haven't heard before. It forces me to look at what I've read in different ways, and that's what makes teaching fun and exciting," Litt said.

"Any teacher is constantly educated," Vinz said.

From his students, Vinz admits that he's gained insight into how to better his teaching style. He's also been introduced to some fantastic books

### Future Plans

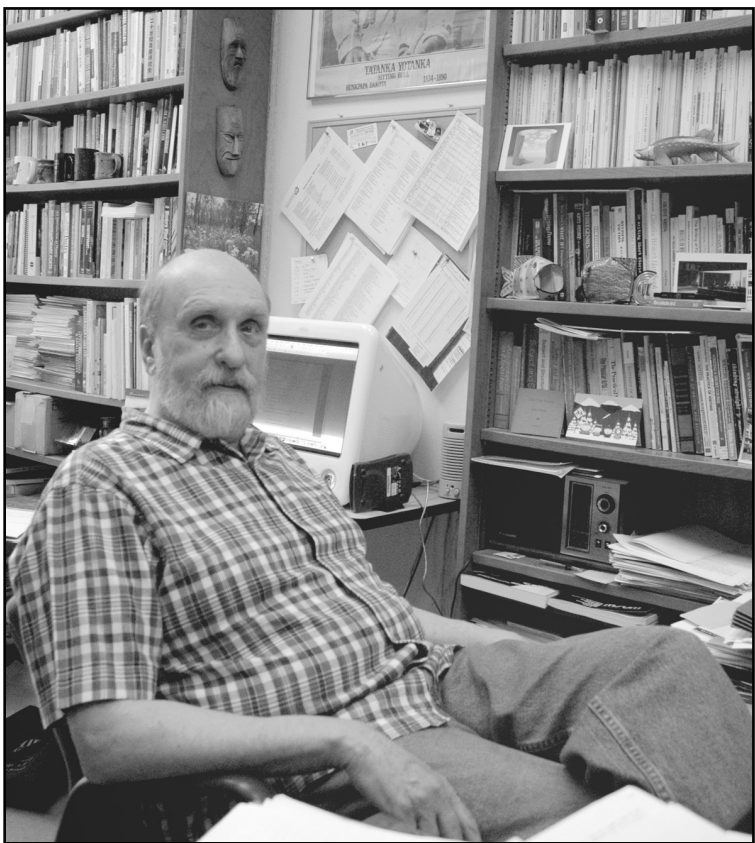
Although he maintains that he doesn't want to stop teaching, Litt says that he began phasing out of his position almost five years ago when a cancer diagnosis gave him only five years to live. He planned to spend four years teaching, retire and then use the last year to have fun.

"I didn't die, though," he said, "so I may be back. I'd love to come back as a guest lecturer."

Traveling has always been a large part of Litt's life, and he intends to continue the tradition during retirement. He says that his favorite vacation spot is France, but he's almost been to more than half of America's states.

"I've been told that I should write a travel book, so I just might do that," Litt said.

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English professors Mark Vinz, above, and Gary Litt, upper right, pose next to the piles of books in their offices. Both will end their almost 40 years of teaching on May 11.

# CSFT department separates in hope of future expansion

By JILLIANNA ROSS

Staff Writer

Since their conception, communication studies, film studies and theatre arts have all been considered part of the same multi-faceted department, along with 40 to 50 other oddly coupled majors.

This hodge-podgery of a department will soon be undergoing a reconfiguration. The currently existing department will split into three new departments which will be known as the film studies department, the theatre arts department and the communication studies department.

Professor Tim Borchers has been involved in communication studies at MSUM for 11 years, the last two of these he

has spent as associate dean.

According to Borchers, when he began at MSUM, there were only eight students majoring in communication studies, which was then known as professional communication.

To make up for the few communications classes available, students took theatre, film and telecommunications classes to round out their major.

"But we've hired some good faculty in recent years who have developed some good courses. We now have students who take their courses exclusively in communication studies. And we now have a large number of minors and students who take our courses for certification in teaching," Borchers said.

The film studies and theatre

arts branches have also seen big changes in recent years.

Many years ago, courses in speech and theatre were taught by just one film professor. But now, the department has acquired a major, two minors, three faculty in film and an extensive amount of students.

Theatre arts, which has been a consistently moderate program, has also grown in terms of size, acquiring new courses and maintaining productions while providing a high level of standards and performance for students.

Many of the faculty and students involved in these departments welcome the change in light of many new opportunities. These opportunities involve the chance to devote

more time and resources to each individual department rather than a conglomeration of half-baked effort to one big department.

Although, as many students are already considering themselves to be a part of separate branches, the separation won't have as consummate effect as many are predicting.

"The communication studies department will continue to serve students across campus through our public speaking course, our major, our minor, and our new leadership studies minor. We will become more active in promoting the research and outreach activities of our students. Our faculty will continue to be a resource for a variety of issues on campus and in the commu-

nity," Borchers said.

Hopefully, the new reconfiguration will spur a positive atmosphere for many students hoping to pursue a concentration in theatre, film or communications studies and will prove to be a worthwhile investment for MSUM students, faculty and administration.

Sophomore Danielle Henning said, "I look forward to seeing big changes in these departments, and possibly for MSUM. I think bright things are on the horizon."

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## REVIEW

## Five movies bring hope, humor to sequel-filled summer

By MAX HEESCH

Staff Writer

Behold, the summer movie season is almost upon us once again. Just as the semester breaks, a bombardment of new films are ready to hit audiences.

Summers of the past have had films that range from the ever-popular animated films to much-hyped blockbusters to the almost mandatory sequels.

This summer is no different, with much of the season lineup consisting of sequels, three-quels, and further-quels.

However, there are a few gems that stand out among the slew of box office contenders. Here are just some of them:

**Knocked Up—June 1**

From the writer and director of "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" comes Judd Apatow's next film, which deals with a one-night stand that becomes

something more.

The film stars Seth Rogan (who co-starred in "Virgin") as Ben, a kid stuck in a grown man's body, with no plans to settle down any time soon. Co-starring with Rogan is Katherine Heigl (most notable from "Grey's Anatomy") as Allison, a rising entertainment journalist, who has a one-nighter with Ben and surprise—she gets knocked up.

The two must figure out how they will handle this new twist of events, starting a hilarious journey to find out if they are ready for parenthood.

**Fido—June 15**

After the smash hit "Shaun of the Dead," people started realizing that zombies could be funny (on purpose!). Now comes "Fido," a touching story about a boy and his zombie.

The town the film takes place in seems stuck in the '50s, except now zombies have risen and have been domesticated as pets and servants.

That is when little Timmy gets a zombie of his very own. Fido, as Timmy names him, quickly becomes part of the family, when he is not eating people that is.

A cast of Billy Connelly, Carrie Ann Moss and Tim Blake Nelson make up a cast of what seems to be the first family zombie comedy.

**Transformers—July 4**

Geeks everywhere cheered when they announced that this '80s cartoon would be made into a major movie event. Director Michael Bay ("Armageddon," "The Rock") looks to bring a special effects power house that will make some serious buck.

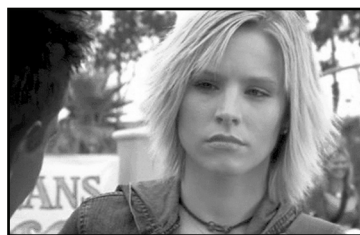
Shia LeBeouf ("Disturbia") heads an all-star cast of humans.

The premise of the movie you ask? Giant robots battle, enough said.

**1408—July 13**

Stephen King fans will look forward to this adaptation. The film, starring John Cusack and Samuel L. Jackson, details the exploits of a bestselling author that debunks haunted houses.

When he comes across a haunted hotel room, he can't help but investigate. It is safe to say, this being a King adaptation, that some serious scares are in store.

**Fanboys—Aug. 17**

This much delayed movie has perked some people's curiosity to whether it will actually be released.

"Fanboys" is about a group of friends in 1999 who go on a road trip to steal a print of "Episode I" from George Lucas so their dying friend can see it.

The cast is made up of mostly unknowns, but the real reason to see it would be to see Lucas ripped off. That and there is bound to be a ridicu-

**SUMMER OF SEQUELS****Sequels**

• 28 Weeks Later—May 11th

• Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer—June 15th

• Evan Almighty—June 22nd

• Daddy Day Camp—Aug. 10th

**Three-quels**

• Spider-man 3—May 4th

• Shrek the Third—May 18th

• Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End—May 25th

• Ocean's 13—June 8th

• The Bourne Ultimatum—Aug. 3rd

• Rush Hour 3—Aug. 10th

**4-quels**

• Live Free or Die Hard—June 27th

**5-quels**

• Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix—July 13th

**Who knows-quels**

• Halloween—Aug. 31st

Check your local newspaper for show times and locations.

lous amount of Star Wars references.

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## English department releases annual 'Red Weather'

By KELLIE MEEHLHAUSE

A&amp;E Editor

The English department's annual literary magazine "Red Weather" will release its 26th edition on May 2. This release occurs on the same night as a reading featuring work published in the magazine at 7:30 p.m. in CMU 101.

The new edition includes about 34 poems, 13 stories, nine total graphics and two

interviews with McGrath visiting writer Wang Ping and English professor Mark Vinz. All works were submitted by MSUM students, faculty and alumni.

According to MFA graduate student and managing editor Erik Meyer, this year's magazine isn't as large as past years have been. Because all submissions excluded the author's name, the staff just picked what they liked.

"It all depends on what you get year-to-year. We try to pick work that represents the community, so (the magazine) shouldn't be seen as elitist," Meyer said.

Graphics chair Travis Mattick agreed that this edition is more balanced between graduate and undergraduate students. Everything is decided in a committee, he says, not based on who's friends with whom.

This edition is the final one for Mark Vinz, who is retiring this year. He's been the faculty advisor of "Red Weather" for three decades.

"It's Mark's baby," graduate student Jenn Bakken said. "He puts a lot of heart and soul into the magazine, and that shows through."

When asked about plans for the future, Meyer said that he'd like to have "Red Weather" be a joint effort between the mass

communications and English departments. This would help to make the magazine's layout appear more professional.

Copies of "Red Weather" will be available that evening. It's also available at the MSUM Bookstore and other local bookstores.

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Vinz also would like to write and travel more. He wants to participate in writing workshops and guest lecturing as well.

"I don't have an crazy hobbies. I just want to do stuff I couldn't do before," Vinz said.

**Party Time**

In honor of Vinz's retirement, the university is publishing a chapbook of his poetry titled "North of North." All proceeds from the book will go towards establishing a scholarship in Vinz's name.

Copies of the book will be available during Vinz's final reading at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday) in King Hall Auditorium. A public reception will follow the reading in the Owens Hall Atrium.

According to English professor Laura Fasick, Litt wanted a more subdued affair for

his retirement party. The event will be held at 5:30 p.m. May 4 at Green Market, located on NP Ave. in Fargo. Guests should note that there will be a \$15 cover charge to get in.

**Words to the Wise**

However they chose to bid farewell to MSUM, Vinz and Litt's advice to their remaining colleagues is the same: don't lose your enthusiasm.

"Be the best teacher you can be, and love what you do. The reason I've lasted so long is because of I love my job," Litt said.

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## Advocate announces staff positions

**Advocate staff reports**

The Advocate has named its staff for the 2007-2008 school year.

Alyssa Schafer will serve as editor. Schafer, a 2005 graduate of Mandan High School, was features editor fall semester and opinion editor this semester.

Kellie Meehlhause will resume her current position as arts and entertainment editor.

Samantha Kveno and Amanda Hugget will also return as copy editors.

New staff members and those taking on new positions include Ben Sailer as opinion editor, Brittany Knudson as features editor, Luke Hagen as sports editor and Susie Flipp as copy editor.

This year's editor Lee Morris will serve as advertising manager, and Jenna Raschick will

remain on the advertising team as an assistant.

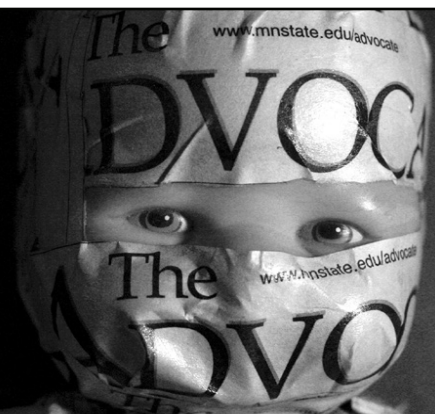
There is always space on staff for staff writers, columnists, illustrators and photographers.

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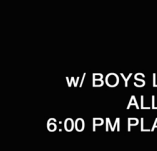
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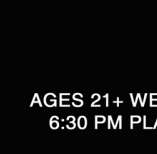
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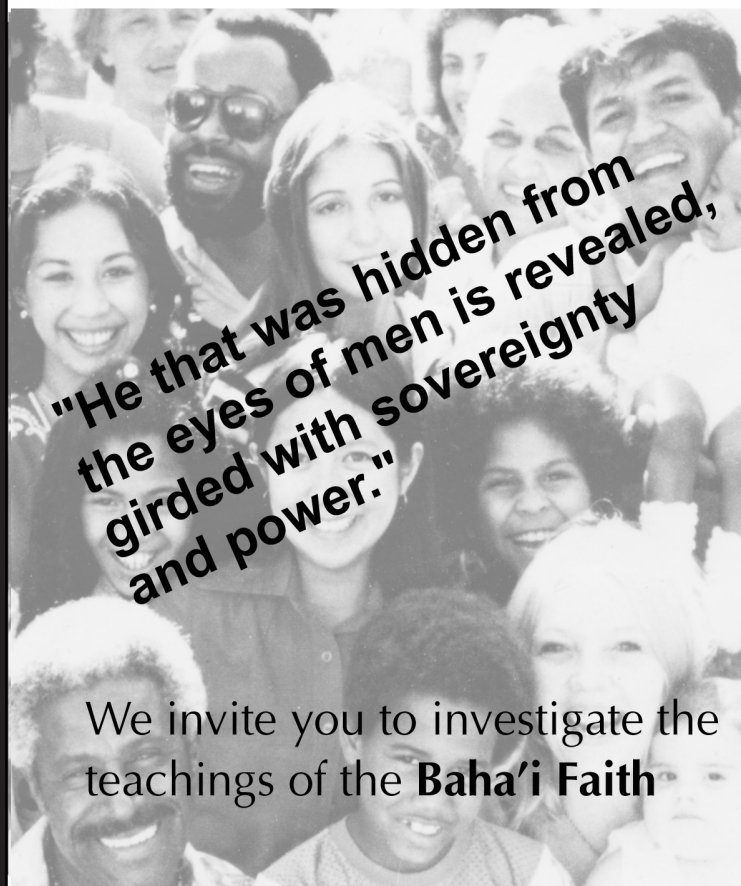
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# Dragon Fire funding ablaze

## Second annual walkathon earns \$105,000 for scholarships

By **TARVER MATHISON**

Staff Writer

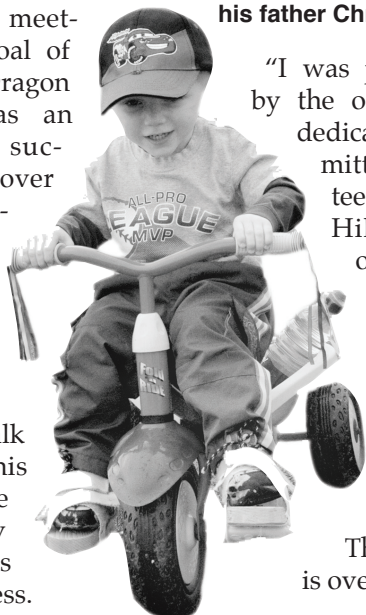
When Dragon Fire president Greg Peterson went for a walk, he made one hundred grand.

Granted, this was no ordinary stroll. Peterson, accompanied by over 400 fellow walkers, was raising money during the Dragon Fire Walk for Athletics, an aggressive fundraising campaign held last Saturday for MSUM's athletic department. Peterson feels this was a walk well taken.

"Overall, this is a huge success," Peterson said. "We're very pleased with what we've been able to accomplish, how we've gotten the students, the faculty, and the community involved."

While not meeting its lofty goal of \$125,000, the Dragon Fire Walk was an undoubted success, raising over \$105,000 for student athletic scholarships through its community efforts.

To some Dragon Fire Walk participants, this cooperative spirit is exactly what led to its continued success.



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More than 400 people took part in the second annual Dragon Fire Walk. Below: Two-and-a-half-year-old Ryan Giese peddles alongside his father Chris during the walk that raised \$105,000 for athletic scholarships on Saturday.

"I was just so inspired by the organization and dedication of the committee and volunteers," said Diane Hill, employee of MSUM's Alumni and Development Office. "I chose to be a part of it because they've all done such a great job."

Though the walk is over, Peterson notes

the job is hardly done. With money still trickling in, he feels confident the end total will be even greater.

Peterson said: "We expect money to be coming in for a couple of weeks now. We don't expect a number for at least a month. We still need to follow up on a lot of people that gave last year that we missed this year, too. There's still plenty left to raise."

This is only the beginning for Peterson, who is already full of plans for next year.

"We need to get out of the

gates a little quicker with our corporate requests," Peterson said.

"Corporations are our biggest contributors—but they usually make their budgets out in August. We need to be out that early so we get on their radar."

"For what could have gone better, there's just as much that the walk does right," Peterson said.

"It's a good program, and it makes the athletic department very visible in the athletic community," Peterson said.

"We're giving an opportunity to get to know Dragon athletics. This is a signature event at MSUM, and we want the community support on this."

And with all it's done, Peterson sees the Walk for Athletics only growing.

"I want to see us raising into the three-hundred thousands in time," Peterson said. "I feel we can really go places this time. It's all a matter of getting people interested, getting them excited. I know we can accomplish that."

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### WOMEN'S GOLF

## Spring success sparked by fall boost

By **KATIE DIIRO**

Staff Writer

Although golf is known as a lifelong sport, the Dragon women's golf team is focused on the here and now.

The Dragons finished their season at the conference meet last weekend. It was a continuation of the fall conference meet held in Becker, Minn. After that meet, the ladies were in fifth place out of 10 teams.

Senior Crystal Meagher and junior Erika Hochgraber shot in the 80s for the two-day meet, helping to keep a low overall score for the team.

Hochgraber's performance

was especially astonishing as she finished the second day with seven straight pars on the front nine.

"The course was great because it had an open fairway. That way you can't get into much trouble with trees or water," Hochgraber said.

Open fairway or not, there is no doubt it was talent that helped the women maintain their fall finish.

The meet for Meagher was sentimental because it was the last meet of her career.

Meagher said, "I was walking down the eighteenth fairway and I became very emotional. I don't know where it all came from, but I was a

bit overwhelmed. I did pull it together for my last shot. I had coach (Tracie) Bents there comforting me as well."

The spring season was slightly harder to prepare for as the ground was covered with snow for a majority of it. The team's perseverance shined through the snowy days as their passion for the game proved their commitment level. Perseverance is really the name of the game in golf as one must be mentally tough in order to compete well.

"Golf is such a mental game," Meagher said. "The mental strength is just as important as the fundamen-

tals. You need to be able to shrug off the bad spots and sometimes that is difficult."

Hochgraber said, "It is also challenging because you have to think so much about so many different factors. It's little things that can make the biggest difference. In example, if the wind is blowing in my direction and the hole is up hill I will have to club up in order it make it on the green."

The team has a great leader in head coach Bents as she is developing impressive golfers and lowering their scores. Although she is losing seniors, she has a lot to look forward to.

A red-shirt transfer from the

University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities is looking to golf for the team next year and raise the excellence level the Dragons have already set very high.

Hochgraber will also be returning, which will benefit the team for another year with her consistency and dedication.

The women golfers hope to improve even more in the fall and years to come. Mental toughness, attitude, and perseverance will be key for an excellent 2007-2008 season.

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**Friday:**  
SB vs. UND  
1 p.m. and 3 p.m.  
Track at Drake Relays

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Track at Drake Relays and  
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**Tuesday:**  
SB vs. University of Mary  
3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

**Wednesday:**  
Track at Tommie Twilight

**May 4:**  
SB at NSIC Tournament

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**May 11:**  
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**May 12:**  
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## FINISH LINE

**Women's tennis:**  
**NSIC Championship**  
Team standings: 1, Winona State.  
2, MSUM. 3, Upper Iowa. 4,  
Southwest Minnesota State. 5,  
(tie) Minnesota-Crookston,  
Bemidji State.  
NSIC First Team All-Conference  
Singles: Michele Bailey, Winona

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State; Diana Naatz, SW  
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# New AD outlines plans for future

By ROBYN ROHDE  
Sports Editor

**Q:** What is your No. 1 priority for the next few months?

**A:** I have three goals I am trying to accomplish in the next few months. They include:

1. Develop a shared purpose and vision for athletic.
2. Gain an understanding of the ins and outs of Dragon athletics.
3. Positively impact athletic fundraising.
4. Further develop MSUM's stance on expansion issues in the NSIC.

**Do you feel an 18-month contract is long enough to accomplish real change?**

To start off with, it is the standard MNSCU contract for administrators. More importantly, I have no doubt that I can accomplish positive change within that time frame.

**What is your plan to adjust to the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference additions and possible reorganization?**

To get involved as soon as possible. I have spoken several times with NSIC commissioner Butch Raymond and several AD's within the league to gain a better understanding. I will also be attending the April NSIC meetings to shorten the learning curve on the issues and some of the logistics.

Once I have a working knowledge of the expansion, I'll be able to work with the athletic department staff to develop a working plan to adapt to the changes as quickly as possible.

**How important do you feel your past coaching experience is or is not in relating to those in the department?**

I think it is pretty important. It gives me the coach's perspective when I am making decisions. My experience has given me a general understanding of the pressures and stresses that coaches live with

everyday which gives me a great perspective in both the planning process and everyday operations of our athletic department.

**How does MSUM fair in Title IX compliance?**

My perception is that MSUM is compliant with Title IX. I look forward to finding out more about Title IX compliance and even more importantly how we can best serve our student-athletes.

**How do you respond to some people's criticism of your youth and abundance of energy?**

It makes me laugh. I don't think I have an abundance of energy, I think that I am fortunate enough to have a lot of passion and excitement about what I do. My age will stop being an issue once I start working full time and more people have the opportunity to work with me instead of just getting brief glimpses of me during an interview process.

**What is your strategy to increase funding?**

The first thing I need to do is figure out what is being done, how it is being done, and what things have been tried that have or haven't worked. After I know all that then we'll decide how to best use the resources we have and begin to build an organizational structure that can raise more money.

**What direction do you intend to take with increased funding?**

Time will tell on that. As the athletic department works together to create a shared purpose and vision that question will get answered.

**Lastly, in your opinion what is MSUM's biggest strength?**

I think the biggest strength of MSUM is the commitment from faculty and staff. I really believe that everyone I have met on campus really cares about the university and serving the students to the best of their abilities.

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**Junior Bruce Green rushes into the endzone after catching a screen pass during the first half of MSUM's spring game on Saturday.**

## FOOTBALL

# Youthful varsity shutsout former Dragon headliners

By LUKE HAGEN  
Staff Writer

Saturday's annual alumni versus the varsity game helped to prove that youth and athleticism can overpower veteran knowledge.

The varsity crushed the alumni 36-0.

Head coach Damon Tomeo said that he wanted to see the team play together and get on the same page.

"The physical parts of the game will come. It's the mental parts we still have a few things to learn. But we did see a lot of positive things today," Tomeo said.

In the first half the varsity showed their skills on both sides of the ball.

The varsity jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead on their opening offensive drive of the game with a 2-yard run by junior fullback James Baumann.

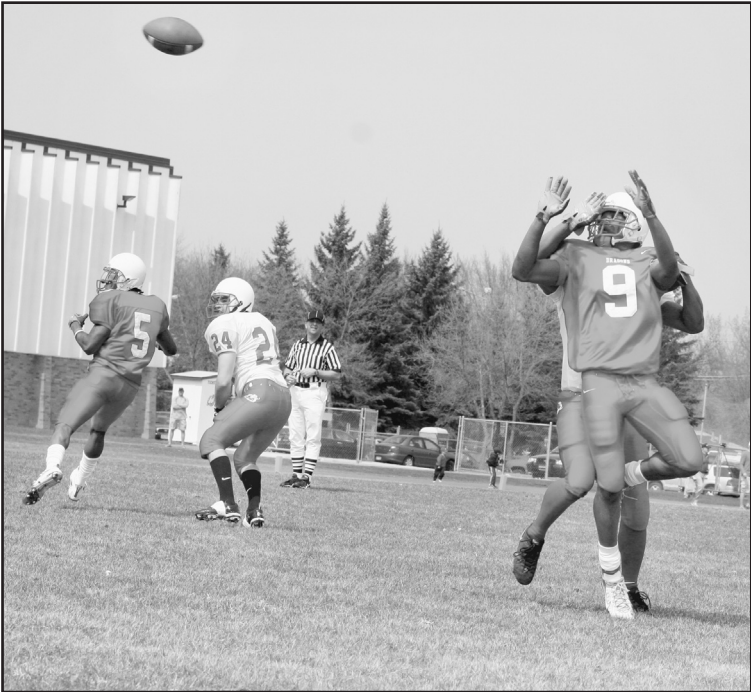
Senior quarterback Dustin Long and junior wide receiver Bruce Green looked as if they haven't missed a beat in the off season, connecting on a touchdown pass in the first half. Long finished the day with two touchdowns after being pulled in the first half.

"Dustin's progression at the quarterback position has been very good this spring," Tomeo said. "He has confidence in the offensive coordinator and (Long) has done a great job working with him. Dustin has a lot of targets and today it just happened to be Bruce."

Sophomore Craig Kutz and freshman Nick Stoltman both split time in the rest of the game, each finishing with one touchdown pass.

The defense shut out the alumni in the first half.

Junior corner back Marvin Anderson intercepted two



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**Wide receiver Jabari Taylor attempts a pass in the first quarter.**

passes from the alumni, one of them setting up a Green touchdown.

After the first half the varsity was leading 27-0.

The second half the varsity defense was just as dominant.

All-American junior safety Josh Jones intercepted an alumni pass to set up a 27-yard field goal by NDSU transfer, sophomore Kyle Wilcox.

Jones finished the fall season leading the conference with 10 interceptions.

"Our defense came to play today. It's a different scheme than we had most of last season and they picked up on it quickly," Tomeo said. "They played with the passion and fire that we preach to them."

The alumni threatened in the fourth quarter, but two fourth down stops by the varsity defense finalized the shut out.

The varsity offense added one final touchdown with 1:30 to go in the game. Freshman quarterback Nick Stoltman

scrambled to throw a pass to junior tight end Eric Eager from 30 yards out.

"It was great to see the team play with some passion. Football is a physical game. It was nice to see some attitude," Tomeo said.

Varsity 36, Alumni 0				
Alumni	0	0	0	0-0
Varsity	14	13	3	6-36
Scoring summary				
V-Baumann 2 run (Wilcox kick)				
V-Green 14 pass from Long (Wilcox kick)				
V-Zander 51 pass from Long (Wilcox kick)				
V-Green 13 pass from Kutz (kick failed)				
V-Wilcox 27 FG				
V-Eager 30 pass from Stoltman (kick blocked)				
TEAM STATISTICS				
	A	V		
First downs	14	22		
Rushes-yards	46-191	30-130		
Passing	20	350		
Comp-Att-Int	3-20-3	23-37-1		
Punts-Avg.	2-33.5	1-20		
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1		
Penalties-Yards	4-48	9-69		
Time of Possession	34:24	25:36		
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS				
RUSHING: A-T. Duerr 9-66, Salazar 6-30, Sternhagen 6-25, Carter 3-21, B. Duerr 3-12, T. Zupke 2-8, Middleton 1-4, Frykman 3(-6), V-Peters 6-33, Stoltman 5-32, Larson 5-30, Baumann 3-18, Kutz 6-12, Long 5-5.				
PASSING: A-T. Duerr 0-11-1, 0 yards; Frykman 3-6-2, 20 yards; B. Duerr 0-3-0, 0 yards. V-Long 12-17-0, 179 yards; Kutz 8-14-1, 95 yards; Stoltman 3-6-0, 76 yards.				
RECEIVING: A-Blackburn 1-11, Middleton 1-9, Erickson 1-0. V-Taylor 6-71, Frost 4-62, Green 4-59, Zander 2-56, Bauman 2-29, Harris 2-16, Eager 1-30, Peters 1-18, Kosek 1-9.				

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**Doug Peters takes over athletic director position in June.**



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## TEXTBOOKS, FROM FRONT

Student senate president Leigh Wilson-Mattson, who set the process in motion to create the site last fall, said, "A lot of other colleges do this, and I was just kind of surprised that we didn't do it, when I came in as a freshman."

Wilson-Mattson said students can also use the site to post items such as art supplies or graphic calculators.

To create the site on this

campus, student senate and the MSUM information technology department looked at a similar site at Concordia College.

"I think it's an awesome service," said JoDee Haugrud, IT Web master. "I think it's something that might be used a lot if the students are aware of it and can keep it up."

Wilson-Mattson said the site will be around as long as stu-

dents know about and need it.

"This is just another way (students) can utilize (the Internet) for their own benefit," she said.

And though book buy-back will go on as planned, students who want to avoid the lines or are late in selling their books back have this, the online option.

Morris can be reached at [morrisle@mnstate.edu](mailto:morrisle@mnstate.edu).

## NICO, FROM FRONT

All three of these iguanas were obtained from people in the community.

The rainforests of Central and South America are the natural habitat of common green iguanas. They spend their time high up in the forest canopy, near water sources. A cold-blooded animal, they stay warm by basking in the sun. Common green iguanas mostly eat leaves and fruit.

Nolte said: "The teeth are just little peg-like teeth that are designed for ripping. The claws are much more dangerous. ...

It's really embarrassing when a group of fifth-graders came, all interested in this interesting animal, and (Nico) tried to get away from me, and I'm dripping blood on the floor."

Habitat destruction is the biggest threat to green iguanas, but they are also victims of the pet industry. Also, local populations in South America use them as a food source.

"People actually farm them like chickens in some villages," Nolte said.

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